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USSR CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS INCREASE

WIZEN AMUR OBLAST EXPANDS CULTURAL FACILITIES -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 20,
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Nizhne-Amur Oblast has made great progress in cultural development in recent years. In recent years a dramatic theater, an Oblast Museum, navigation and pedagogical schools, a nurses' school, a training combine of "Glavamurrybprom" (Main Administration of Amur Fish Industry), a trade school, several clubs and other cultural and educational institutions have been opened in Nikolayevsk. A motion picture theater is now under construction and a large group of Soviet intelligentsia is working in the city.

The oblast now has 193 primary, 38 seven-year, and 10 secondary schools in which more than 21,000 children are studying. 816 houses of culture, 80 reading halls, 44 trade union and 15 rural clubs, 41 libraries, 47 stationary and 25 mobile motion picture installations have been opened in the Oblast.

A wide network of hospitals and medical centers has been created and the Oblast Health Department has at its disposal a squadron of medical planes to bring aid to workers in distant settlements.

Medical, material, and cultural aid has been given on a wide scale to people of the different nationalities. All children of these nationalities are included in the program of universal primary education. Many are studying in secondary and higher schools in Khabarovsk, Leningrad, and other USSR cities.

LIBRARIES INCREASE IN ARMENIA -- Kommunist, No 58, 11 March 49

There are at present 2,100 libraries in Armenian SSR, 139 of which are municipal; 33, rayon; 1,151, village; and 722, school. The number of books has risen from 2,172,000 in 1940 to 6 million at present. The classics of Marxism-Leninism make up a large percentage of the total.

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